

Here is the text of Kennedy's Talk

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Text of President Kennedy's address today at the University of North Carolina:

Mr. Friday, Mr. Chancellor, Gov. Sanford, members of the faculty, ladies and gentlemen. I am honored today to be admitted to the fellowship of this ancient and distinguished University in the short space of one or two minutes the honor for which you spend four years of your lives. But whether the degree be honorary or earned it is a proud symbol of this University and this state.

North Carolina has long been identified with enlightened and progressive leaders and people and I can think of no other more important reason for that reputation than this University which, year after year, has sent out educated men and women who have had a recognition of their public responsibilities, as well as private interests.

DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENTS, like Presidents Graham and Gray, distinguished leaders like the Secretary of Commerce, Gov. Hodges, distinguished members of the congressional delegation, carried out tradition which stretches back to the beginning of this school, and that is that the graduates of this University is a man of his nation as well as a man of his time, and it is my hope in a changing world which would possibilities lie before North Carolina, and indeed the entire south and country, that this University will still bear to the old line of responsibility that its graduates owe to the community at large.

That, in your time, you will be willing to give to the state and country a portion of your lives, all of your knowledge, and all of your loyalty. I want to emphasize in the great concentration which we now place upon scientists and engineers, how much we still need the men and women educated in the liberal traditions, willing to take the long lead in eloquence of the moment, who attempt to make an honest judgment on difficult events.

This university has a more important function today than ever before, and therefore, I am proud as President of the United States, and as Governor of a small land-grant college in Massachusetts, Harvard University, to come to this center of education.

Those of you who regard my profession of political life with some distant and remote member that it is made it possible for me to move from being an obscure lieutenant in the United States Navy to commander-in-chief in fourteen years with very little technical competence.

But more than that I hope that you will realize that from the beginning of this country and especially in North Carolina there has been the closest link between educated men and women, and politics and government. And also remember that our nation's first great leaders were also our first great scholars. A contemporary described Thomas Jefferson as a "gentleman of 32, who could calculate an eclipse, survey and estate, file an artery, find a course, break a horse, and play the violin."

I URGE YOU therefore regarding of your specialty and regardless of your chosen field of occupation, and regardless of whether you bear office or not, you recognize the contribution which you can make as educated men and women to intellectual and political leadership in these difficult days, when the problems are infinitely more complicated and with increasing significance in our lives, than they were a century ago when our political life.

The United States Senate had more able men serving in it from the period of 1830 to 1860 than probably at any time in its history, and yet they dealt with three of four problems which they had dealt with for over a generation.

Now they come day by day, from all parts of the world, even the experts find themselves confused and, therefore, in a free society such as this, where the people must make an educated judgment, the success or failure of those of you who have the advantage of the scholar's education.

I ask you to give to the service of our country, the critical faculties which readily and freely develop in you. I ask you to decide as Goethe put it "whether you will be an earth or a heaven." I ask you to give the world in which you were reared and educated the broadest possible vision, and to lead your talents to depicting present solutions.

Most educated men and women on occasion prefer to discuss what is wrong rather than to suggest alternatives. But would you have counted him a friend of Ancient Greece — as George Willits Curtis added a body of educators a century ago — would you have counted him a friend of Ancient Greece, who quietly discussed the theory of pessimism on that hot summer day, through whose hopeless and immortal hours, he honored us and the three hundred that stood at Thermopylae for liberty.

Was John Milton to conjugate such verbs in his library when the library of Englishmen was in peril? This is a great institution with the great tradition and with devoted alumni, and with the support of the people of this state. Its establishment and continued functioning like that of all great universities has required great sacrifice by the people of North Carolina. I cannot understand why all of this is undertaken merely to give this school's graduates an economic advantage in the life struggle.

"A UNIVERSITY," said Professor Woodrow Wilson, "should be an honored memory of the state for the transmission of its best traditions." And Prince Bismarck was even more specific. "One third of the students of German universities," he once stated, "break down from overwork. Another third breaks down from disputation, and the other third dreads Germany."

I have it to each of you to decide in which category you will fall. I do not suggest that our political and public life should be turned over to college-trained experts, nor "hooked down from overwork" a seat in the Congress as William and Mary was once represented in the Virginia House of Burgesses. Nor would I adopt from the Belgian Constitution, a provision giving three votes instead of one to those who are at least not more Democrats go to college. But I do hope that you join us.

This University produces trained men and women, and what this country needs are those who look, as the youth of your state says, at things as they are and not as things as they seem to be. For this meet-

ing is held at an extraordinary time. Algeria, Brazil and Bizerte, Syria and South Viet Nam, Korea and Kuwait, the Dominican Republic, Benin, the UN itself all are problems which 20 years ago, we could not even dream of.

Our task in this country is to do our best, serve our nation's interest as we see it, and not to be swayed from our course by the faint-hearted or the un-knowing or the threats of those who would make themselves our foes. This is not a simple task in a Democracy. We cannot open all our books in opposition to an adversary who operates in the night.

The decisions we make, the requests we possess, the bargains we will accept, nor can we always see reflected overnight the success or failure of the action that we may take. "Make the world safe for Democracy," "No entangling alliances," "but the time, issues, and the weapons all have changed, and the responsibilities and dangers of our lives. It is a dangerous illusion to believe that the policies of the United States can be encompassed stretching as they do world-wide under varying and differing conditions — as they are encompassed in hard or soft or otherwise.

Or to believe that we shall soon meet over victory and total defeat. PEACE AND FREEDOM do not come cheap. And today, we are destined, all of us here together, to live the rest of our lives in uncertainty and challenge and peril. Our policies must be flexible, and our degree of firmness or flexibility which are necessary to protect our vital interests, by peaceful means, if possible, by resolute action, if necessary.

There is, of course, no place in America where reason and firmness are more clearly pointed out than here in North Carolina. All Americans can profit from what happened in this state a century ago. It was this state, which sought a way of peace in a trouble and dangerous world. Yet when the war came, North Carolina provided a fourth of all of the confederate soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in those years. And it has earned the right to the slogan, "First at the battle, last at Appomattox, first at Gettysburg, and last at Appomattox." Its quest for a peaceful resolution of our problems, was never identified in the minds of its people, or people today, with anything but a desire for peace, and a preparation to meet their responsibilities.

We move, for the first time in our history, through an age in which two opposing powers have the capacity to destroy each other. And while we do not intend to see the free world give up, we shall make every effort to prevent the world from being blown up. The American Eagle, on our official seal, emphasizes both peace and freedom. And as I said in the State of the Union address, we, in this country, give equal attention to its claws, which in its left hand holds the arrow and in its right wing it clings to olive branches.

IT IS A TEST of our ability to be far-seeing and calm, as well as resolute. To keep an eye on both our dangers and our opportunities, and not be diverted by momentary gains or setbacks or pressures. And it is the long view of the educated citizen to which the graduates of this University can best contribute.

We must distinguish the real from the illusory, the long range from the temporary, the significant from the petty. But if we can be purposeful, if we can face up to our risks, and live up to our words, if we can do our duty undeterred by fanatics of frenzy at home or abroad, then surely peace and freedom are possible. We shall be neither red nor dead — but alive and free, and worthy of the traditions and responsibilities of North Carolina and the United States of America.

Group Will Explore Mental Retardation WASHINGTON (AP) — Treatment, and if possible, prevention of mental retardation is the announced goal of a new presidential advisory group. President Kennedy appointed yesterday that he establish a panel of experts in medicine, psychology, science, law and the social sciences to tackle the problem of mental retardation. He told his news conference he will meet with the group next week.



Sherille Love, Former Miss Charlotte, and Gov. Sanford Examine Exhibit

Dignitaries Pour In For Fair

By EMERY WISTER News Staff Writer

Nineteen foreign dignitaries, including an ambassador, are scheduled to visit the North Carolina Trade Fair opening here today.

They represent 11 nations and will arrive at various times during the fair which runs through Saturday, Oct. 21.

Some will be guests of Charlotteans in their homes. Others will stay at hotels. Some are already here.

ON TUESDAY a number of officials of U. S. cabinet rank are also due here. They include Glenn V. Gibson, deputy secretary of defense; Edward J. Sheridan, deputy assistant secretary of defense; Joseph F. Imbrie, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force; Kenneth E. Bell, assistant secretary of the Navy; and George S. Robinson of the Air Force.

The ambassador is Carlos Hank de Salazar of Cuba. He will arrive Monday and will be accompanied by his wife.

Martin Wong, economic minister of the embassy of China, and his wife arrived here today. Yun Young Lim, counselor of the Korean Embassy, and his wife are also scheduled to arrive but their arrival time is unknown.

H. Schwepper, German consul stationed in Atlanta, is here now. So is Willy Fritsch, economic secretary of the German Embassy in Washington. He is accompanied by his wife.

Mohamed Eltili, a counselor of the Tunisian Embassy, came here yesterday as did F. A. de Molayns of the British Embassy in Washington.

JACK PONSIGARD, assistant to the consul of the French Embassy in Washington, will arrive here Friday of next week.

Coming here next Tuesday will be a number of naval officers of foreign countries. They are Cmdr. H. A. Black of the Royal Canadian Navy; Lt. Cmdr. H. A. Carter, of the U. S. Navy; Cmdr. P. S. Larsen, Denmark; Capt. O. B. Hattem, Norway; Cmdr. A. N. Lapan, Portugal; Capt. S. Gratian-Cooper, Great Britain.

These officers are in addition to a number of United States naval officers and officials of the U. S. government who will attend the event.

The officials and the dates they are due here are: Brig. Gen. Charles S. Hays, commanding the U. S. Army Sig-

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Secret Service agents by the score surrounded the platform and watched every movement in these assembled around the President.

A FULL HOUR and a half before the President arrived at the Raleigh-Durham airport, nearly 1,000 people, men and women and children, crowded around the platform from which he opened the Trade Fair.

First to arrive at 10:15 was a chartered aircraft bringing the Washington press corps. Then at 10:30 the President arrived and was greeted warmly by Gov. Sanford. The crowd applauded his every move.

After the Trade Fair introduction, he stepped into his Lincoln license plate GG100, with Gov. Sanford and led the entourage to Chapel Hill.

There were knots of people all along the way. Some held up signs saying "Welcome Mr. President," and others waved American flags.

The President's car slowed down at Lowe's Grove between here and Raleigh. A school yard of children cheered him and he waved heartily.

The car pulled the long grade to Chapel Hill, swung left at the Morehead-Patterson Bell Tower and headed down the long slope to Kenan Stadium.

There the President donned his gown and met many of the university faculty. When he walked into the stadium, his shoulders were punched, his face was straight ahead.

ONCE ON THE platform he and Gov. Sanford obliged photographers and waited ten minutes before the long faculty procession was finally seated.

There was not a cloud in the sky and the bright sun emphasized the President's tan. The President spoke a few words slightly heavier than he was a year ago when he campaigned across the state, but

he was as relaxed and as easy as always.

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Secretary Hodges brought Dr. Graham over to speak to the President and they exchanged a few words. The President talked earnestly with President Friday and they examined the day's printed program while Friday pointed out the list of events.

The President sang every word of the national anthem and at the end of the exercises President Friday turned to the words of the university's Alma Mater, "Bark the Sound," and the President tried to keep up with him.

WHILE UNIVERSITY officials and adults in the audience no doubt were proud of the day, the children in the audience apparently delighted in it even more.

They watched his every move. Parents brought babies with bottles, who didn't know much except that it was an awfully warm day.

When the President's car finally disappeared along the dusty road behind Kenan for the trip back to Raleigh, the audience went quietly back to the routine of the day.

"I'll always be able to say," one young girl said, "that I saw the President of the United States at Chapel Hill on Oct. 12, 1961."

Tshombe Will Sign U.N. Ceasefire Pact ELISABETHVILLE, Katanga (AP) — Katanga President Moïse Tshombe expects to sign a permanent ceasefire agreement with the United Nations tonight, a semi-official statement in an Elisabethville paper said today.

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ranges from hand-to-hand combat by rangers from Fort Benning, Ga., to the firing of a rocket that can carry a nuclear warhead.

The President will watch the firing of at least four missiles, the Red Eye, the Davy Crockett, the Honest John and the Little John.

The Red Eye and the Davy Crockett are tactical nuclear fired from the shoulder. The Davy Crockett can deliver a nuclear warhead.

President Kennedy also will see the firing of a 165 mm cannon that can range to a yard tube of concrete to sand from a thousand yards.

He'll also watch a mass

off and land with power supplied by a jet unit attached to him. This is the Army's answer to the foot soldier's perpetual gripe about sore feet.

THE PRESIDENT will end his review here at 6 p.m. by sending the instant, ready company of paratroopers, decked out in battle dress, scrambling for their planes.

Security restrictions are so strict that the President will get a chance to see the President at only one point along a reservation roadway.

The entire area of the military demonstrations was closed to traffic at noon.

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Anybody Seen Shrunken Head? LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Someone swiped the shrunken head of the University of Nebraska Museum.

What makes the loss so tough, explains Museum Director C. Bertrand Schultz, is that the 70-year-old shrunken human head is irreplaceable.

Indians in South America — where this specimen originated — have been forbidden to shrink heads for some time.

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